The Standing Com^e of the Soc^y of Inquiry in presenting their Semi Annual Report, are happy to announce the prosperous state of the Society in the several ~~depts~~ departments falling under the supervision of this Com^e. Since our last report nothing has taken place in our province requiring particular mention, except that we have been deprived for several weeks past of the aid of one of our number, by his ~~with~~ removal from the Seminary. In presenting the details of our report, we call attention, according to our usual formula, first, to the Concerns of the Reading Room.

Publications Received:—

Daily. N. York Journal of Com^merce — per Ann. $6.00

Semi-weekly. Baltimore Chronicle — gratis

Weekly. N. Y. Observer. Chr. Intelligencer. Conn: Do. Presbyterian. Charleston Do. Chr. Mirror. N. Orleans Do. New Haven Record. Western Prot. Herald. Presbt^n Advoc. Herald. So^n Chr. Sentinel. } gratis

" Boston Rec. $2.50. Rel. Tel. & Observer $3. — 5.50

" Watchman & So. $3. The Congregationalist $2. — 5.00

Semi-Monthly. Sabbath Sch. Journal. Prot. Vindicator. gratis.

Monthly. Mothers' Mag^e — Balt^e Lit & Rel Mag. Am: Baptist do. — Sailors — do. Advocate of peace — Missionary Chron: — Home Missionary. Millenial Harbinger. African Repository. Presbyterian Preacher. Journal Am. T. U. Colon^n Herald — Liberia Herald. American Tract Magazine. Missionary Herald. } gratis

Quarterly. N. Am. Review — 3.00

" Am. Q. Register — gratis

" London Q. Review. Edinburgh Rev. Foreign Q. do. London & Westminster do. } — 8.00

Total amt p^d for publications — $31.00

The subscription value of those rec'd gratuitously is a little more than twice that amount.

It gives us pleasure to say that since the last Semi Annual Report no publications have been lost so far as we know. The following are presented for binding.

Papers. N. Y. Observer. Prot. Vindic; Bost. Rec; Presbyterian Watchman of 3 Sc.

Periodicals. N. A. Rev; Quarterly Reg; Miss Her; Miss. Chron; Home Miss. and the four Foreign Quarterlies —

Postage averages about $35. per Annum. The papers not ordered to be bound are disposed of from time to time at public sale.

§2. The affairs of the Library have been investigated and are found to be under accurate and efficient management. Particulars relative to the state of it will be presented in the Report of the Librarian.

§3. The Books of the Recording Secretary are kept with unexceptionable neatness & correctness.

§4. We have also looked into the Treasurer's accounts, and find the affairs of that department satisfactorily administered.

Our term of service, with that of our Colleagues, expires to day. To those who may be called to succeed us we would say, they will find the affairs of their office in an intelligible & systematized form, which however does not, & cannot entirely remove the necessity of considerable care and trouble on the part of the Com^e. We think it well to premonish the aspirants for office of this fact, and suggest the propriety of no one allowing himself to be ~~put~~ nominated for membership in the Standing Com^e who is not willing to incur some little trouble, and make some sacrifice of personal convenience for the public good. All which is respectfully submitted

James Greene. Chrm. Stand^g Com^e

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